

# WHAT'S HAPPENING WEDNESDAY

## Kansas Immunization Program

April 3, 2019

### VFC Consultant On-Call

The Consultant On-Call can be reached Monday—Friday, 8:00am—5:00pm at 785-296-5592.



## CHIEF CHAT

We are pleased to introduce you to the second KSWebIZ Helpdesk Technician, Kathy Slawson. Kathy joins the team with a long history of public service and is returning to the Bureau of



Disease Control and Prevention after several years away. Kathy worked in this bureau with the HIV program in the late nineties and left to work with the Kansas Public Health Association at that time.

Kathy is joining Dylan (introduced in the March 20th edition of What's Happening Wednesday) to provide more hands on technical assistance to you for KSWebIZ. Please refer to the [March 20 edition](#) for more details about this new role. Please join us in welcoming Kathy to the team.

The annual Vaccines For Children (VFC) enrollment will open next week in KSWebIZ. The enrollment period will be April 8, 2019 through May 8, 2019. All current VFC providers are required to renew enrollment during this period. A special alert will be sent on Monday, April 8th with complete instructions on how

to complete the process. All providers will be expected to begin the enrollment process by May 1st to assure completion and approval by the final deadline. Any provider who has not begun by May 1st will be contacted directly by your Regional Immunization Consultant to assess your need for assistance. Providers who do not have a completed and approved enrollment by May 8 will be subject to removal from the VFC program and will not be eligible to re-enroll for six months. Please prepare now to have designated time to complete this process so you do not put your clinic in danger of losing the program.

There will be no vaccine orders delivered June 11—13 to avoid any mis-handling of vaccine upon delivery while many will be in Salina for the Kansas Immunization Conference. Please plan accordingly. You may need to order extra vaccine in May to hold over to mid-June. **Remember that all providers are always to plan for a minimum of two weeks between ordering and expected delivery of vaccine. For June 2019, this should be an expected three week window.**



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# Vaccine Educational Opportunities With National Organizations

## Webinar Series: Local Approaches to Preventing and Eliminating Hepatitis B

Recent data indicate that there has been an increase in the rate of new hepatitis B infections in the U.S., which many largely attribute to increasing injection drug use. To address this, Hep B United and the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) are excited to present a three-part webinar series on local strategies to eliminate hepatitis B virus (HBV) infections. HBV is a significant and common health burden that chronically infects up to 2.2 million people in the U.S. and approximately 257 million people globally. The webinars will cover:

Part 1: [Local Approaches to Preventing and Eliminating Hepatitis B](#) (March 20) For the recording please [click here](#)

Part 2: [Exploring National and Local Approaches to Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention](#) (May 1)

Part 3: [Hidden Consequences: The Opioid Epidemic and Rising Hepatitis B Rates](#) (May 22)  
All webinars will take place from 2:00-3:00 pm ET.

## Vaccine Education Center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia publishes March issue of its newsletter *Vaccine Update for Healthcare Professionals*

The [Vaccine Education Center \(VEC\)](#) at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia publishes a monthly immunization-focused newsletter titled [Vaccine Update for Healthcare Professionals](#). The March issue includes the following articles:

[Who Should Pay When Unvaccinated Children Get Sick? The Recent Tetanus Example](#), by Paul A. Offit, MD

[With Measles "Breaking Out" All Over the United States, Here Are Some Good Educational Resources about Measles and MMR](#), by IAC executive director Deborah L. Wexler, MD

[Measles—the Virus, the Disease, the Vaccine](#), by Charlotte A. Moser

Additional resources, including information booklets for patients, are available in [the full newsletter](#).

[Access the sign-up form](#) to subscribe to *Vaccine Update for Healthcare Professionals*.

## Vax Facts

Oftentimes we use the words vaccinations or immunizations interchangeably. What is the difference or is there really a difference?

- **Vaccination** – the introduction of a vaccine into the body, usually by injection.
- **Immunization** – the body's response to the vaccine. The person then gains immunity or becomes resistant to a disease.
- **Immunity** - protected or resistant to a disease.

For more information on these terms, you can visit on of the websites below:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services <https://www.vaccines.gov/basics>

World Health Organization <https://www.who.int/topics/immunization/en/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/imz-basics.htm>





# INJECTION OF EDUCATION

Spring is here, and it is flu season-still. Yes, you read correctly! As the spring season begins and temperatures warm up, typically flu vaccine administration really begins to decrease. According to The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) FluView for [the 2018-2019 Influenza Season Week 12](#), Kansas is continuing to see widespread flu activity. A recent article in WebMD, "[U.S. Flu Season Ebbing, but Still Widespread: CDC](#)", warns that older adults have been heavily targeted during this flu season and that although flu activity is decreasing, flu season is still here. Although adult deaths attributed to influenza are not tracked, [77 children have died](#) during the 2018-2019 flu season.

Please use this information to encourage patients either not vaccinated, or not fully vaccinated to receive their flu shot and continue to vaccinate. Now is the perfect opportunity to continue to use the flu vaccine inventory that you have on hand. They say that a picture is worth a thousand words, the CDC's FluView continues to show [widespread flu activity](#) in Kansas. If patients have questions regarding why you are recommending the flu vaccine this late in the season, share this FluView information with them.

## **AAP: No flu vaccine preference for 2019-'20 season**

The AAP no longer will express a preference for the flu shot over nasal spray vaccine for children during the 2019-'20 flu season.

The recommendation comes after the Academy reviewed current data on vaccine coverage and effectiveness and flu season characteristics. It also considered the reformulation of the nasal spray vaccine. The guidance is expected to be similar to the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The AAP recommends universal vaccination for everyone 6 months and older.

"Every effort should be made to ensure that all children receive their influenza vaccine every year before influenza viruses begin circulating in the community," said Flor M. Munoz, M.D., FAAP, a member of the AAP Committee on Infectious Diseases (COID). "Any licensed influenza vaccine given as indicated for age and health status can be used to protect children against influenza in 2019-'20."

[Click here to read this full article from AAP News](#)

## **Influenza Surveillance** **March 27, 2019**



The Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) sites continue to monitor patients for influenza-like illness (ILI) – symptoms include a fever ( $\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) and the presence of a cough and/or sore throat. During the week ending March 16, ILINet sites reported 4.9% of visits were due to ILI. Syndromic surveillance indicated 6.5% of visits to emergency departments in Kansas were due to ILI. All data is subject to change. Influenza A/H3 activity has increased in Kansas during the past few weeks. The Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories (KHEL) has detected A/H3 in 125 specimens, A/H1 in 60 specimens, influenza A (not subtyped) in three specimens and one influenza B (Victoria) specimen. Twenty-four influenza outbreaks have been reported to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) this season. As a reminder, outbreaks of any disease are reportable and should be reported to the epidemiology hotline at (877) 427-7317. Stay updated on influenza activity at <http://www.kdheks.gov/flu/surveillance.htm>.



## 2019 Kansas Immunization Conference

We are pleased to announce that the hotel contracts have been signed and room blocks are now available at seven hotels in Salina for the 2019 Kansas Immunization Conference. Please see the chart below for a list of hotels and details related to number of rooms in our block, room rate and deadline for guaranteed rate. Note that rooms will book quickly in Salina, particularly for the last night as the annual River Festival will follow our conference. When booking, please mention the Kansas Immunization Conference to get the rate listed.

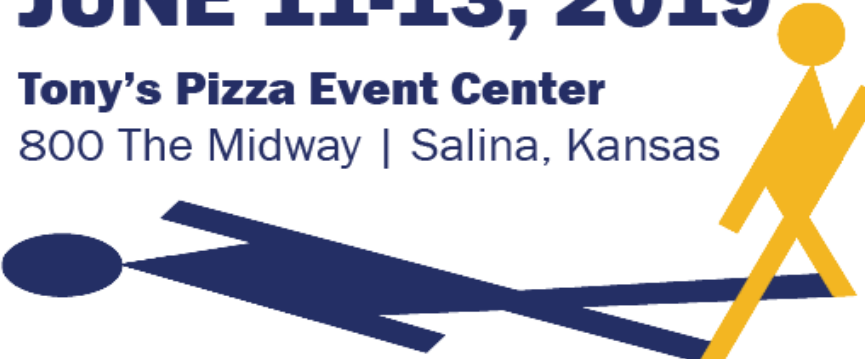
Hotel	Rooms	Rate	Deadline	Phone
Hilton Garden Inn	10	\$132.00	5/9/2019	785-309-0440
Country Inn and Suites	43	\$82.00	6/1/2019	785-827-1271
Hampton Inn	90	\$129.00	5/27/2019	785-823-9800
Holiday Inn Salina	5	129.99 Doubles	5/11/2019	785-404-6767
Holiday Inn Salina	35	\$94.00 King	5/11/2019	785-404-6767
Holiday Inn Express	30	\$94.00	5/10/2019	785-404-3300
Candlewood Suites	20	\$85.00 Singles	5/13/2019	785-823-6939
Candlewood Suites	10	\$94.00 Doubles	5/13/2019	785-823-6939
Courtyard by Marriott	15	\$129.00	5/5/2019	785-309-1300


2019 KANSAS IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCE

# VACCINES CAUSE ADULTS

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Kansas Academy of Family Physicians (KAFP) invites you to the 2019 KAFP Annual Meeting: "Connect. Interact. Learn." June 6-8 at the Wichita Marriott. This is your opportunity to network with fellow family physicians, participate in Academy business, and earn up to 20.5 CME credits. KAFP is pleased to offer a pre-conference session 'MAT Waiver Training' on June 5, free for KAFP members and only \$50 for non-members. Register for the MAT Waiver training with your Annual Meeting registration [\[click here\]](#) or as a separate event [\[click here\]](#). Visit [www.kafponline.org/annualmeeting/](http://www.kafponline.org/annualmeeting/) for Annual Meeting schedule, registration and more!

**June 5, 2019 | 1 – 5:30 p.m.**

Pre-Conference Session:  
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CME sessions encompass social determinants of health, wound care, smart technology with children, long acting reversible contraception, POCUS, prostate cancer, COPD, obesity, diabetes, pediatrics, lupus and more. [View the full schedule here.](#)

Please contact the KAFP office at 316-721-9005 or email [kafp@kafponline.org](mailto:kafp@kafponline.org) with questions about the meeting or registration. We hope you will join us to Connect. Interact. Learn!

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*This Live activity, Kansas-AFP 2019 Annual Meeting, with a beginning date of 06/05/2019, has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 20.50 Prescribed credit(s) by the American Academy of Family Physicians. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.*

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